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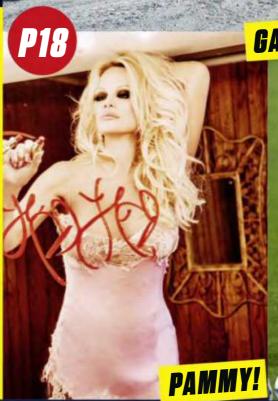




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Duly obliged when asked if we'd stuff our faces with as many marshmallows as possible while dressed as Pac-Man to promote Pixels. We still don't know why exactly... but, hey, we managed 16.





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It's Chrilistmas! Which means one thing: ZOO girls rockin' (and disrobing) around a tree. Have a happy holiday, gents!

espite what the TV adverts suggest, there's more to Christmas than gorging on food, endless parties and watching the yearly tragedy unfold on Albert Square. It's a magical time of year, when you should be thankful for what you have and be charitable towards the ones you care for.

Unfortunately, it turns out the ZOO credit card will no longer stretch to thousands of free airboards for each and every ZOO reader, so instead we've chipped in and got you a collective, money-can't-buy present: a naughty new shoot with Sabine and Holly Peers, in all their yuletide glory.

Sure, they might not have been on your wish list alongside that BB-8 droid and a PS4 – but they look a damn sight better under the tree than some crumby

box ever could...











SLY STALLONE TALKS TO ZOO!

"A sheepskin coat saved my life!"

The action star and movie veteran sits down with ZOO to discuss Creed continuing his Rocky legacy, clobbering Michael B Jordan – and life on the streets before his career took off!

I, SLY! IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK. **TELL US ABOUT CREED CONTINUING** THE ROCKY SERIES...

When director Ryan Coogler approached me, I dismissed the idea. It was a struggle to get Rocky Balboa made. I was happy with it, and it felt like the conclusion of the story. I didn't need to go any further.

WHAT EVENTUALLY PERSUADED YOU TO JUMP ON BOARD?

I thought my story had been told, but he made me realise there have been two generations since, and they haven't had a *Rocky* story. His idea was ingenious, so I finally agreed to do it after I was shamed for my narrowmindedness. Michael B Jordan has done a fantastic job.

HOW'S IT BEEN WORKING WITH HIM? HAVE YOU FORMED A CLOSE BOND?

Michael's a fantastic actor. His dedication to the training was

with Michael R Jordan

beyond professional. He spent over a year preparing and was in extraordinary shape - better shape than I was in for Rocky. You need a special quality to maintain that physique, as well as energy and passion. Even after he's done a scene well. he'll be back 20 minutes later and say, "There's something brewing inside. Do you mind if I take one more shot at it?" Sure enough, something even better rises to the top...

HOW DID YOU WELCOME

stories have stayed around without any special effects, car chases, and without blowing anything up, which is what I usually do. Seriously, the key has been no bullets, no cursing, and no sex scenes. I have a relentless responsibility to keep the Rocky franchise intact.

WAS GETTING INTO **ACTING TOUGHER** THAN YOU EXPECTED?

Someone told me at an audition they wanted someone who wasn't impaired. People said,

regret it. I was made homeless pre-fame and had one sheepskin coat that was my house. I was sleeping at bus stations or outside post offices during a cold winter. That coat saved my life.

WHAT PRICKED YOUR INTEREST IN A TALE ABOUT BOXING?

Boxing is the only sport where the audience comes right up to you and says, "You stink." You've got to deal with that. It's like being in front of the lions.

HOW HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR BODY IN CHECK?

I never stop working out. It's a habit. If I start to fall apart physically, it affects me mentally. Your body is your car. You're not going to sit there and let it get all rusted and dented. You don't have to go to the gym every day; you can do it in your house. I don't care if it's one minute or 10 seconds. You just need to do something.

FINALLY, MICHAEL B JORDAN'S TAKING OVER THE ROCKY MANTLE, BUT IS THERE ANYONE WHO **COULD FILL JOHN** RAMBO'S BOOTS?

I'd happily pass down all my characters to Ryan Gosling. He's the only actor to take on one-man-army John Rambo!

"For Michael, getting clobbered was a rite of passage!"

HIM INTO THE HARD-KNOCKS WORLD OF **BOXING?**

I wanted him to get clobbered - it's a rite of passage! Mr T, Carl Weathers and Dolph Lundgren have all busted me up, so I had to welcome him to the world of concussions! He stepped up and took it flush. You can't prepare yourself for that hit; you know it's gonna hurt and you actually do hear birds tweeting and see stars around your head. You become a cartoon character. Rocky certainly took a beating...

WHAT'S BEEN THE KEY TO KEEPING ROCKY GOING FOR OVER FOUR DECADES?

His amazing character and

"Your mouth looks like it has a hook in it and you speak like a Mafioso polar bear". It was just one of these dumb luck things I had to hang onto. I realised early on that because of my speech pattern, the tone of my voice and the shape of my mouth, I was always going to play dubious characters. I can't play up smart.

WHEN YOU DIDN'T HAVE A PENNY TO YOUR NAME, YOU REFUSED TO SELL THE SCRIPT FOR ROCKY. WHY?

I had mastered the art of poverty. I was looking at my dog as a meal, but to make it in this business you have to own the stubborn gene. When you don't adhere to that, you'll

Creed is released on 15 January 2016



Rocky vs Fury: So who'd win?



BBC boxing expert Steve Bunce walks ZOO through the greatest title fight ever...

TALE OF THE TAPE

Tyson Fury The Furious One

Age 27 Height 206cm Weight 117kg Reach 216cm **Fights Orthodox** d 25 fights, 25 wins (18 KOs)

Rocky Balboa The Italian Stallion

Age 69 Height 180cm Weight 88kg Reach 188cm **Fights Southpaw** Record 64 fights 44 wins (38 KOs), 20 losses

THE BUILD-UP

"Rocky would insert a clause, which states under no circumstances can there be any pictures with the two of them standing together on account of the height difference. Having Rocky '5ft 9in' Balboa in his Cuban heels against Fury would not be fair. Even Wladimir Klitschko wore lifts in his trainers to appear as tall as Fury in the weigh in."

THE TRAINING MONTAGE
"Fury's Achilles heel is small guys who come at him, hence why he struggled so much with Steve Cunningham. Rocky being the student of the game that he is would know that and pull Cunningham into camp. What's more, they'd be based in a gritty gym back in Philadelphia and have pictures plastered all over it of Fury on the floor against 'USS'."

THE FIGHT

"If Rocky can stick to a game plan, keep his hands up, get close and connect with that overhand right, there's every chance he could hurt Fury. Bearing in mind this is a man who can take up to 758 punches to land just one. In theory, it could be one of those instances where a good small 'un beats a good big 'un. Rocky to shock the world... again!"



e're not going to lie to you, readers: years ago, when former ZOO girl Keeley Hazell decided to move away from glamour modelling to pursue a career in acting, we were heartbroken.

But all credit to the lovely Bromley babe, because she's made a good impression on the Hollywood elite, starring in everything from indie hit Like Crazy to Horrible Bosses 2. However, now she might be about to get her big break with a stint on one of US TV's most popular dramas.

The 29-year-old sensation is playing a maid in the hit show The Royals and, based on these scantily-clad pictures, it should come as no surprise that she's a firm fan favourite.

For now you'll have to make do with these delightful snaps, but with any luck, they'll secure a regular starring role for the brunette babe. Either way, we're keeping fingers and toes crossed we get to see a *lot* more of Keeley. After all, she's ZOO royalty.

→ Watch The Royals season 2 on E! in 2016

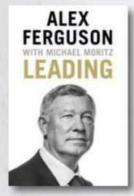


Footballers' autobiographies: the boxing bits

Expecting a football book this Christmas? It'll possibly be one of these new releases, but don't expect every moment to be riveting...

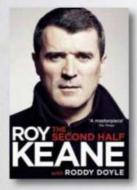
hristmas is that time of year when every footballer, manager or ex-pro wants to release their deep and meaningful memoirs for your pleasure. And more often than not, these behind the scenes reads give us a telling insight into the juicy and fascinating world of top-flight football.

No doubt the papers will be serialising the best bits. But we've picked out the extracts you could probably do without hearing...

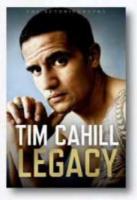


Sir Alex Ferguson

"I like waking up at eight, having breakfast with Cathy, reading the paper, and going to have lunch in the village. Retirement for some people can be like bereavement. But I remember some advice I was given: 'Don't put your slippers on.' It stuck with me. It's why I put my shoes on right after breakfast."

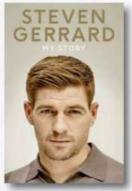


"I'd never had an office before. Now I had a secretary. I had a phone - a phone with buttons, and different lines. I had a leather chair that swung round, a swivel chair. For the first few days, I used to swing around on it."

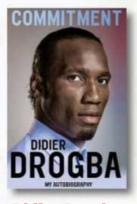


Tim Cahill

"My calves were pinging, thighs cramping, every muscle and sinew and tendon feeling over stretched, worn out, pushed to the limit. I lay there in the tub in a Radox bath, then ate my post-training pasta and rang my mum and dad."

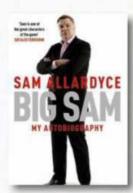


"At the end of the month, on payday, I went into town to get myself a new tracky or a pair of trainers. I would then spoil myself with a McDonald's!"



Didier Drogba

"I knew very little about China or Shanghai before going there. I didn't know, for example, that Shanghai is the largest city by population and, with 24 million inhabitants, it has the same population as the whole of Ivory Coast. That was quite a thoughtprovoking statistic."



"I don't like sleeping: it's a waste of life. I'd rather watch TV. I'm a box set man. Any drama will do me, and I also like catching up on the soaps, Coronation Street, Emmerdale and EastEnders. I don't mind The X Factor, either."



Festive knits:





rated

ike it or not, the humble festive knit has become something of a December wardrobe staple, meaning your fetching pullover needs to be completely on-point and definitely not a garish blend of bobbles and itch.

To aid you in your quest, we've scoured the high streets to collect together the finest wool wear you should wrap up in this winter – and enlisted the help of *FHM* **Fashion** Editor Carlotta Constant to rate our purchases in greater detail...



UPFRONT **NEW XMAS GAGS!**

The Scouse comic tested out some brand new Christmas material – and ZOO was on hand to forage his finest festive funnies...



"Youngsters these days have no idea about the power of mistletoe. Ugly men around the world were farming their own fields in preparation for Christmas because the rest of the year it was f**king miserable. I asked my eldest son if kids still stick it to their heads and go snogging on New Year's Eve. He turned to me and said, 'Dad, I'm on Tinder.'



"I can't stand these German Christmas markets you get on your high street. We never had them as kids: now they're everywhere. You'll notice they're not manned by a single German. It's just some bloke from Wigan, trying to sell you 50 varieties of smoked cheese."





"If there's one thing that makes you feel like Christmas, it's usually the adverts. Except for this year's John Lewis ad, which is basically saying: 'Old people, f**k off.' Get all those oldies who don't spend enough and put them on a planet. They'll have no visitors, nothing else, you can have a brilliant time without them. And while we're at it, we'll send them something so they can watch you having a massive party."



"I remember when my eldest came home from school when he was about six or seven after they'd been writing cards to Santa and someone told him 'the truth'. You could see his little heart break, so I said to him, 'Look here, son. To tell you the truth... I'm not your real dad.' He looked at me all confused and said, 'I'm talking about Father Christmas.' So I set him straight and told him, 'He's not your father either!""



"The best part of this time of year for me was when I'd go out clubbing - usually with mistletoe stuck to my head. But these days at the end of the night, the lights go up and that's it. There are no slowies anymore. You kids don't have them. If you're under 25, a slowie is a signal from the DJ saying, 'Listen, lads: you've got four songs left to decide between a shag and a kebab.'



moment!

Arctic mammal couldn't bear to be left out...

Even we can admit polar bears look cute and cuddly, especially when they're drinking a Coca-Cola. But this is probably the minimum distance you'd realistically like to get when faced by one of these 450kg beasts.

Proving this point is wildlife photographer

Kyriakos Kaziras, who got a little too close for comfort when he came nose-to-nose with an over-excited ice bear just off the island of Spitsbergen in Norway.

"When the boat is sailing in the ice, the bears see it from afar. Some avoid us, but this one seemed particularly curious," explained Kaziras. "He came straight over, circled us for two hours, swiped at my camera and nearly managed to jump on board when he climbed a small iceberg next to the ship. Luckily, the captain was able to get us away!"

Poor thing. We bet he just wanted to make

friends with the crew. After all, the lonely bugger must be so ice-olated out there all day, every day, on his own...

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You want some? 'Cause I'll give it ya!



Wham, bam, thank you Pam! (And Playboy!)

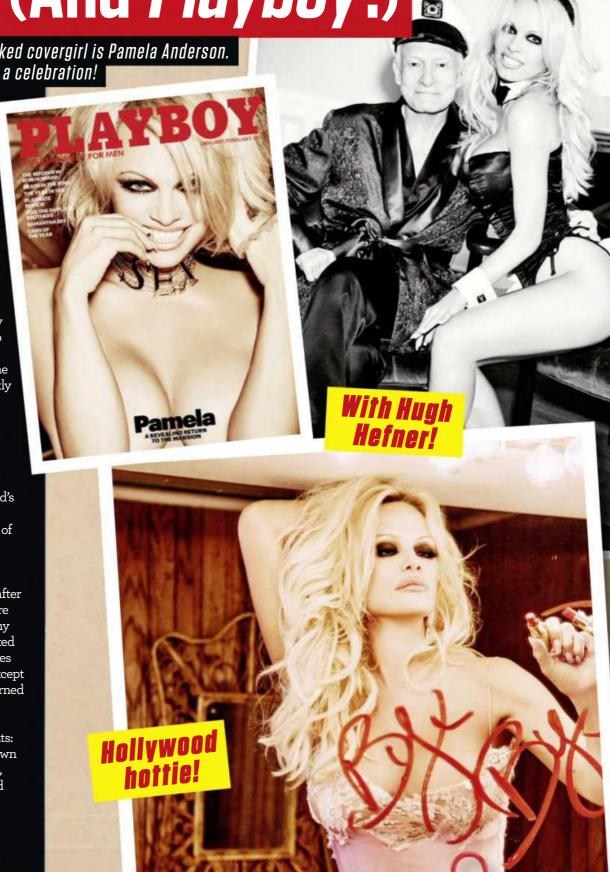
Playboy's last-ever naked covergirl is Pamela Anderson. We think that calls for a celebration!

ost people remember Pamela Anderson for that red swimsuit, slow-mo running across a Malibu beach and a home video you may be able to find on the internet. However, being the literature buffs we are, we can also recall 14 tremendous Playboy, er, interviews. Oh, and the arty pictures which happened to accompany them.

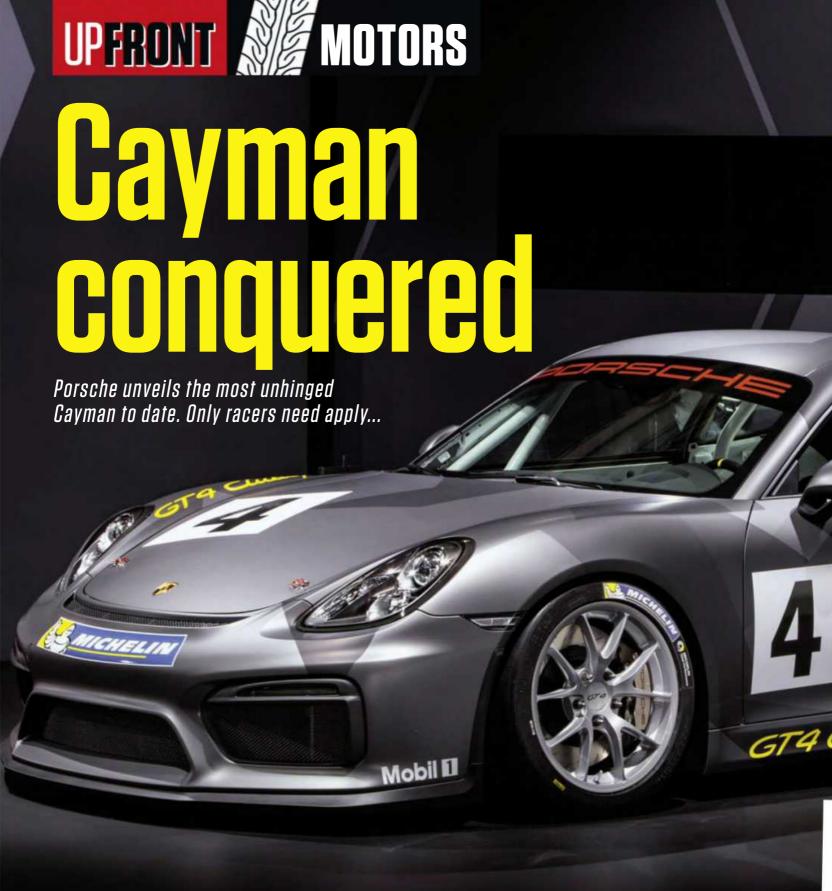
Unfortunately though, the magazine institution recently made the decision to ditch showcasing the world's hottest girls in all their naughty, naked glory. And when it came to deciding which sexy Hefner alumni would front the bunny brand's final skin-baring issue, it was a very small shortlist of one candidate.

"I remember being so nervous on my first shoot," recalled perfect Pam. "But after I saw the pictures, from there on out it was hard to keep my clothes on! It suddenly clicked in my head that nobody cares what you look like naked except you: people are more concerned about themselves and their own flaws!"

So, there you have it, gents: you just worry about your own looks. And while you're at it, enjoy our wonderful X-rated archive to celebrate Pam's beautiful buff brilliance...







hould you be hunting for a machine in which to prowl the streets looking for a potential mate, this isn't it. Because the Porsche Cayman - once considered the poor man's porker - has been fettled to within an inch of its life.

The Cayman GT4 Clubsport has been stripped out and tweaked so it can dominate on the race track instead of an

urban environment, meaning the standard brakes have been replaced by high-performance 380mm steel discs, and the race-ready ABS system can be adjusted with 12 different settings for every track scenario imaginable.

The 3.8-litre flat-six engine develops 380bhp, the rear suspension has been borrowed from the 911 GT3 Cup, and

there's a welded-in roll cage where the passenger seat once was. Oh, and there's that rear wing which looks like it's been nicked from an Airbus A380.

There's even the option to fit it with an endurance-friendly 100-litre fuel tank and then enter it into a number of global racing championships, including the Pirelli World Challenge and the Continental

Tire Sports Car Challenge, although it's advised you brush up on your skills beforehand.

This speedy treatment costs just shy of £100k and, sadly, it isn't fit for the road. But that's not to say Porsche isn't quietly considering a ferocious Cayman GT4 RS road racer. And when that day comes. we're selling absolutely everything we own to buy one.



RSCHE GT4 Clubsport Mobil II

MORE MOTORING NEWS



Alpina's tuned BMW 5 series. Now with 592hhp... The salesman's favourite now comes in an extra spicy

flavour, thanks to infamous German tuner Alpina. The B5 Bi-Turbo packs a 4.4-litre twin-turbo V8 that develops 592bhp and boasts a top speed of 204mph. A clear motorway never looked so inviting.



Rezvani Beast packs serious

This is the Rezvani Beast X – and the lithe speed machine comes fully loaded with 700bhp and a 2.4-litre Honda engine. It also weighs just 839kg, meaning it can smash the 0-62mph sprint in 2.5 seconds. Set aside a cool £215,000 if you fancy rearranging your jowls...



Limited edition Mercedes A45 AMG hits the F1 sweet spot To celebrate another F1 championship, German marque

Mercedes has slapped some green and silver paint on a hot-headed A45 AMG model. It costs £46,000 and will go on sale in Europe next year. Just hope they can retain the title, otherwise you may look a little silly driving about.

Become a ZOO legend by sending in your best pics and general madness!





Nice baubles

Our Ebenezer Scrooge of a boss wouldn't let us chip in for some festive tree decorations, so we had to improvise. Happy ZOOmas, guys!

DANNY ROBBINS, via emai

That's the spirit, Danny! You'll never be able to decorate a tree any differently now. For your festive efforts, Santa will be delivering a stylish Jorg Gray watch worth £230 to celebrate the release of *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* Happy Christmas!

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THIS WEEK'S PRIZE Shout Of The Week wins a classy Jorg Gray watch and a Blu-ray copy of *The Man* From U.N.C.L.E., out now on Blu-ray™ and DVD!





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Found this awful but genius Christmas jumper on sale in a store in Chicago.

That image may have just ruined our Christmas, Ben.



I'm pretty proud of my Aussie Christmas tree, made from exactly 487 empty lager cans.

Those cans were stacked up very well, Wesley, considering how much you'd supped!



The ladies will scrap their chocolate advent calendars when they see mine this year.

We're just wondering if there's a 25th window, Geoff...



My dog wears this neat Christmas jumper every day in December.

C CURTIS, via email 🥌

We particularly love the tinsel scarf as a festive accessory!



THAT'S HURT!



Thumb gets the chop

My hand slipped on a chainsaw and it tore apart my thumb area. The blood just wouldn't stop dripping.

SCOTT, via email

Ouch! That's been sliced and diced, Scott. Reading ZOO with one hand must've been a struggle, eh?



Alien belly burster

After undergoing major surgery, my stomach wound opened. I decide to get someone to take a photo before I was stitched back together.

HOWELL JAMES, via email

We're not sure if we're more alarmed by the fact we can clearly see your tea digesting in your stomach, Howell, or that you've some kind of smiley insect face drawn on your body.



Armpit shavings

Pre-drinking for a fancy dress uni night turned ugly when I fell off a coffee table (while singing) and straight into a glass windowpane.

JACK WARDROP, via email

Your arm looks like a doner kebab spit mid-carve, Jack. Horrific. Hopefully the doctors took pitta on you...



Cet Fagi

We'd have paid attention in school if lessons were like this



- A Russian man married a pizza in Tomsk because "love between humans is too complicated"
- One hour of chewing gum can burn off the calories you gain from eating one Pringle
- According to a study, men who eat significant amounts of garlic smell more attractive to women than those who don't



Listening to music associated with positive memories can soothe the symptoms of a hangover, studies show



True Tourz

- 1. Costa Rica runs almost entirely on renewable energy
- 2. Marmite, Rice Krispies Shreddies and Horlicks are banned in Denmark
- 3. Dogs are less stressed when heavy metal music is played to them



The blood of an octopus is blue because it is copper-based rather than iron-based

 Playing Tetris for 12 minutes the day after a traumatic

event can reduce flashbacks

Dolphins can look in two different

directions at the same time and are able to sleep with one eye open

- Three-time F1 world champion Niki Lauda swapped his trophies for unlimited free car washes
- In 1994, a West Virginia prison inmate

escaped by scaling a wall with rope fashioned entirely from dental floss

Research hat n that during December, burglaries and other theft-

related crimes increase by 25 per cent

In Cologne, it is common

to donate used
Christmas trees to the local zoo. An elephant can eat up to three a day and can also use them to clean their teeth



RUE OR FALSE ANSWERS: 1 T 2 T 3 F - it's classical music

SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY!



LIKE SEPP BLATTER, IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR US TO CLEAR OUR DESKS. SO DON'T MISS THE FINAL, BUMPER COLLECTOR'S EDITION OF ZOO, ON SALE TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER

IT'S GOING TO BE EMOTIONAL...





Serving up more funny than a cooked clown!



My girlfriend asked me if we can have something more "Christmassy" on the television.

So I put on FIFA and played in snowy conditions.



M SUTHERLAND, via email

Dreaming of a sh*te Christmas

I bought a Christmas tree from the garden centre today. The assistant asked, "Will you be putting that up yourself?"

I replied, "No, you sick f**k. I'll be putting it in my living room."

BILLY, via emai



The office Christmas party: a great opportunity to catch up with people you haven't seen for half an hour. ROB, via email

I was working in a department store and this couple came in. They said, "We want to buy some Christmas presents. When are your opening hours?" l said, "I'm not opening yours, I'm opening mine!"





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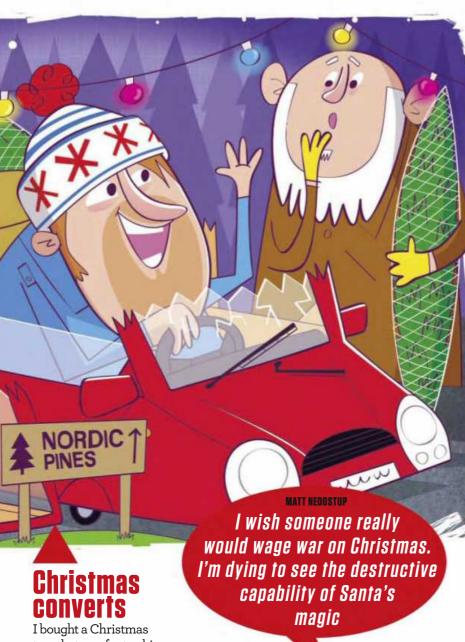


GENIUS ONE-LINER

How can you tell a snowman from a snow-woman? Snowballs.

JUSTIN MOORHOUSE





tree that was far too big to get in the car, so we had to cut the top off.

Didn't really mind - I've always wanted a convertible. **HARRY M, Sutton**

Merry XXXmas

I love this time of year: you can slam your laptop shut when your girlfriend walks into the room and you don't get any disgusted looks.

JARED, via email



Chocolatey Crimbo

I asked the wife what she wants for Christmas.

"Some chocolate and a nice surprise would be lovely," she replied.

Kinder Egg it is, then







Whodunnit

We've just played the Christmas edition of Cluedo. My wife murdered Christmas dinner, in the kitchen, with the oven. **GARTH.** via email

Correct

celebrations

Christmas is a strange holiday, because it's Jesus' birthday. As usual, I didn't get him anything. KIERON, via email



Tree charity

Life would be much easier if Christmas decorations grew on trees.

DANIEL LEE. via email

Advent aggravation

I bought an Internet Explorer advent calendar. It takes f**king ages to open a window. **GARETH, Stevenage**

Gifts galore

Every Christmas I'd come running downstairs to the big pile of presents and begin unwrapping them as fast as I could. Sometimes there would be fights over who had the best toys, but we'd all make up later and sit down for a three-hour lunch before watching TV for the rest of the day.

I really miss working at the Royal Mail sorting office.

WARREN. Scunthorpe



BEST (AND WORST) CHRISTMAS CRACKER JOKES

What's a dog's favourite carol? Bark, The Herald Angels Sing.



What's a mathematician's favourite Christmas snack? A mince pi.



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia.



What happened to the man who stole an advent calendar? He got 25 days.



What is the best Christmas present in the world? . A broken drum – you can't beat it!



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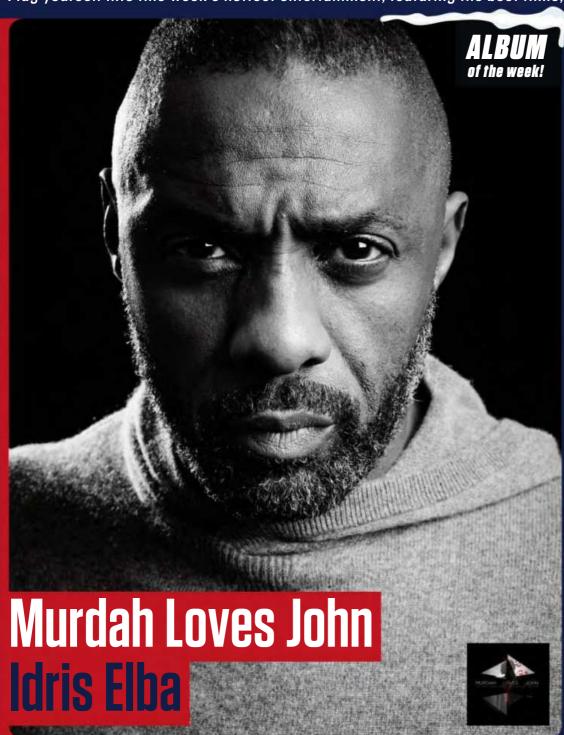
Joker Of The Week wins an Xbox One and a ZOO goodie bag!



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Plug yourself into this week's hottest entertainment, featuring the best films, games, music and DVDs



If you didn't already know, Luther is back on the beeb this week for a two-part special. But if that wasn't enough, Idris Elba has taken the perspective of this much-loved character as inspiration for his latest album.

It's eight tense tracks, all packed with a host of collaborations with up and coming urban artists like Shakka, and established pros like Wretch 32, all working together to create a believable sound mirroring moody London town and "the darkness" behind Luther.

Title track Murdah Loves John is a particular highlight, kicking off the album with some thunderous guitar riffs. But although several tracks do a superb job in realising Elba's vision of a gritty atmospheric sound, the remainder of the album lacks the punch of the opener and trails off with a bit of a whimper.





Mario, Luigi and Paper Mario team up for an unconventional new adventure, and while the story is irrelevant nonsense (like every Mario game) it's a rock solid 3DS purchase.

Admittedly while finished to a high standard, there are

sections lacking in invention.
Still, the overall game is sure to provide hours of entertainment, especially when held together with a surprisingly strong turn-based combat system that can mix it with the best RPGs.



Ricci Harnett reprises his role as old-fashioned gangster Carlton Leach in the cult classic's follow up.

Leach might be back, but he's a shadow of his former self, following the execution of his pals in a Range Rover in Essex.

FRONT-ROW

FACTS ON THE COOLEST His struggles to regain his place in the criminal underworld set him on a collision course to what might be his final job – with all the drugs, booze, blood and guts from the first outing cranked up a notch.

ZOO'S TOP FIVE DVDS



Ant-Man Another Marvel great, with explosions, fight scenes and laughs

aplenty. $\star\star\star\star\star$



MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE ROQUE Nation
Ethan Hunt and co
are back with more
epic stunts. ★★★☆



Season 1

The spin-off hints at how the apocalypse started in LA. ****



Trainwreck
Amy Schumer is the star
turn in an unconventional
Judd Apatow rom-com.
★★★☆☆



Pixels
Aliens attack the Earth
using arcade games.
Adam Sandler is the man
to save the day. *****

ZOOVIE NIGHT!

- This is the first Bond movie not to open with the infamous gun barrel sequence, although it does feature at the end of the pre-title sequence
- James Ferguson, a physician in Aberdeen, came up with the idea for a poisoned Bond being remotely diagnosed by MI6 experts. He has been retained as a medical adviser on all *Bond* films since
- In just one afternoon, three Aston Martin DBS' (worth around £200,000 each) were destroyed during a night time car chase. The stunt also broke the world record for most barrel rolls assisted by a cannon
- This was Daniel Craig's debut as 007, becoming the sixth actor to assume the role on screen. If he was under any illusions it would be easy, during his first fight he had two teeth knocked out



Casino Royale DIRECTOR Martin Campbell RELEASED 2006

PLOT James Bond has just received his license to kill. His first mission is to beat the man whose card skills are helping to finance a mysterious organisation in a high-stakes poker game ITV2, Thursday 24 December, 9pm





Raising the strategic stakes for every co-operative console shooter on the shelves, Rainbow Six: Siege is not your average run-around-wildly bullet frenzy.

Where the game truly excels is through meaty multiplayer modes. Whether you're taking down hostage-bagging terrorists in Siege or guarding an under-fire safe house in Defence, the sublime scenarios and unique, destructible environments require your utmost attention - and it's an intensely refreshing experience.

With a treasure trove of employable gadgets, too from intel-gathering RC cars to Cluster Charge grenades you're tooled up to the nines with inventive tactical warfare.

Despite no genre-defining campaign (there isn't a single player mode), the immersive teamwork and exceptional siege-heavy gameplay make this a counter-terrorism triumph. ★★★★☆







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The Man from U.N.C.L.E.

The '60s is refashioned to a T in this riveting spy comedy from Guy Ritchie. US agent Napoleon Solo (Henry Cavill) and KGB operative Illya Kuryakin (Armie Hammer) join plans to proliferate nuclear weapons. From Berlin car chases to fist bouts, both the tag-team and Alicia Vikander put James Bond. ★★★★☆



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How difficult can finding your own sound (and film plot) be? Cole Carter (Zac Efron) and his college bros set out in pursuit of their superstar dance music DJ dreams. The stunning Emily Ratajkowski and Efron's top-notch acting save the initial high-beat tempo from turning lethargic – and almost forgettable but for EDM enthusiasts, it's a Godsend. ★★★☆☆

Vacation

The National Lampoon wisecracks return for a fresh onslaught on American culture. Rusty Applegate) take their family on a holiday, visiting "freshwater" springs riddled with sewage and ploughing through cows on Quad Bikes. It's wackier than any Lampoon prior - and if you don't laugh, curl up in a corner now! ★★★☆

The Bad Education Movie

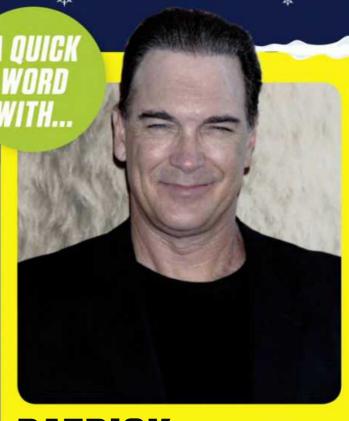
BBC Three's brilliant takes a feature-length field trip to Cornwall, where Jack Whitehallas super-cool pushover history teacher, Alfie Wickers – piles on a final energetic, hilarious performance. The total anarchy that ensues is jokes make it the baddest education yet. ★★★☆☆











PATRICK WARBURTON

HI. PATRICK! YOU'RE **BACK PLAYING GUY IN** TED 2. WHAT'S HIS ROLE **IN THE MOVIE?**

It involves a very messy appearance at Comic Con. He's still a real arsehole, but the movie's more about Ted and John's relationship.

YOU'VE WORKED ON MANY **FILM AND TV PROJECTS WITH** SETH MACFARLANE. ARE **YOU MATES OUTSIDE WORK?**

Seth doesn't even return my texts! I love him to death but he lives in Beverly Hills and has a jet-set lifestyle, dating a bevy of young beauties. The craziest



things I'll do with him are at his house parties. He'll have the John Williams Orchestra playing, go-go dancers and drunken crowds singing. You'll never know who might be on the guestlist - anyone from Liam Neeson to Paris Hilton. **YOU'RE FAMOUS FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE VOICEOVER**

TALENT. DO FANS PESTER YOU TO SPEAK IN THE VOICE OF **FAMILY GUY'S JOE SWANSON?**

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People will always ask me to talk in Joe's voice, but I have to restrict being too rude in public. It's amazing what you get away with on satirical adult cartoons. I think I knew early on the gags wouldn't make mum and dad happy..

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR OWN COMEDY SERIES?

I'd have to work on my stand-up. I did it for a minute in a comedy club when I was 20 but left it, which was one of my biggest regrets. I enjoy doing panel shows and Comic Cons in front of thousands of fans making them laugh hysterically. They're my best audience.

IF TED 3 HAPPENED WOULD **YOU REPRISE YOUR ROLE?**

Absolutely. If it happens, let's try to make Guy a more integral part - I was apparently a big hit in the first one with Ryan Reynolds, and although Ted 2 was fun, I'm sure the audience would've loved to see more of my f**king arsehole

Ted 2 is out now on Blu-ray and DVD

character.









MUST-SEE



Sky Sports 3

Heineken Cup holders Toulon face three-times winners Leinster in a surprise Pool 5 basement battle.



BoxNation

World champion Lee takes on Hatfield hitter Saunders at the MEN Arena, with the Irishman's belt up for grabs.



Sky Sports 1

After a morale-boosting win over Liverpool, the Magpies aim to pull away from their fellow strugglers.



Sky Sports 1

In an early Christmas cracker, the Hornets take on Klopp's Reds with just a few points between them in the table.



Your sporting fix!



1. Get fit for a fun run!

Cancer Research UK Winter Run
Last year, 15,000 people ran through
snow zones and took on polar bears in
Central London. Now get fit for this year's
outlandish winter-themed run. You'll also be
raising a bit of money for a good cause!

DATE Liverpool, 17 January 2016; London, 31
January 2016; Manchester, 28 February 2016
WINTERRUNSERIES.CO.UK

2. Go to the extreme with X Games!

X Games Aspen 2016
The adrenaline junkies behind the world-famous extreme sports competition

famous extreme sports competition celebrate their 20th winter games – so grab your big coat and hit the slopes of Colorado. (NB: If that is a touch too far, you can also watch it on ESPN!)

DATE 28-31 January 2016 XGAMES.ESPN.GO.COM

3. Score a bullseye!

PDC World Championship
Dust off the fancy dress and Sharpie pens
as the PDC darts is back at Ally Pally.
Get ready to chug down jugs of beer
and watch Phil Taylor and Michael van
Gerwen battling it out for the coveted
title. Probably.

DATE 17 December 2015-3 January 2016 **PDC.TV/WORLD-DARTS-CHAMPIONSHIP**



4. Tour your favourite stadium!

You've spent all winter worshipping your footballing heroes, so why not walk the hallowed insides of your club's stadiums? You might not be able to sprint like Sergio Aguero or pass like Yaya Toure, but there's no reason you can't sit in their dressing room seats at the Etihad.

MCFC.CO.UK/TOURS

5. Enter the cage!

UFC Fight Night London
It's been two years since UFC last graced
the Big Smoke. Conor McGregor and
Ronda Rousey are global heroes – follow
the next group of fighters bidding to be as
big as they come to London's O2 Arena.

DATE 27 February 2016

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THEO2.CO.UK/EVENTS/
DETAIL/UFC



Our good friends at Matchbook - a brand new betting app - have given us all a free bet to brighten up our winter. Jump on! Matchbook is available on iOS or online. **MATCHBOOK.COM**

7. Get fighting fit!

Take on the 60-day challenge with fitness guru Luke Sumner-Wilson. His online training regime will transform you from couch dweller to fitness hero in two months this winter! THE60DAYCHALLENGE.CO.UK

8. Go Snooker Loopy!

The snooker returns to London for next year's Masters, so chalk up your cue as you watch the world's best players battle the baize at Ally Pally!

DATE 10-17 January 2016

WORLDSNOOKER.COM/TOURNAMENTS/ **MASTERS**



9. Shoot some hoops!

The Orlando Magic return to the \bar{O}_2 Arena in London for another regular-season NBA showdown against the Toronto Raptors! DATE 14 January 2016

THEO2.CO.UK/EVENTS/DETAIL/NBA-**GLOBAL-GAMES-LONDON-2016**

10. Have a Haye day!

Our former columnist and big mate of ZOO, David Haye, returns to the ring after three years out in the cold for his big heavyweight battle with Mark de Mori. DATE 17 January 2016

THEO2.CO.UK/EVENTS/DETAIL/HAYE-

11. Score a touchdown!

American football arrives in San Francisco for the Super Bowl 50 spectacular. Carolina Panthers are looking as if they'll match Miami Dolphins' unbeaten season at this rate! **DATE** 6 February 2016

NFL.COM

12. Stick it to S Africa!

England's cricket team finishes up with its final tour of the winter taking on AB de Villiers' South Africa with the First Test kicking off on Boxing Day on Sky Sports. **DATE 26 December 2015-26 January 2016** SKYSPORTS.COM

13. Horse around!

After a rare day off, the jockeys are back on the saddle at Kempton Park for the King George VI Chase - one of the most revered races of the year!

DATE: 26 December 2015

KEMPTON.THEJOCKEYCLUB.CO.UK



14. Bag the first trophy!

Four Premier League teams have their chance to get the first trophy of the season under their belt in the Capital One Cup Final - but will it be Liverpool, Stoke, Manchester City or Everton? DATE 28 February 2016
CAPITALONECUP.CO.UK

15. Get off the ropes!

ZOO's Coolest Man 2015, Carl Frampton, is back against super-bantamweight rival Scott Quigg in Manchester. Do. Not. Miss. DATE 27 February 2016 TICKETMASTER.CO.UK

16. Enjoy the most famous day in football!

Cue upsets galore, as lower league minnows take on the big guns in the third round of the FA Cup. Be afraid, Jose. Be very afraid...

DATE 9 January 2016 THEFA.COM/THEFACUP



17. Binge on a box set!

As the winter nights draw in, there's no better way to forget about the abysmal weather than by transporting yourself to a different world with a box set binge! Our picks: Better Call Saul, The Blacklist S1&2 and House Of Cards (all out now).

18. Laugh along to the TV!

In the fictional town of Mexifornia, Bud and Ernesto are brought to life by the makers of Family Guy. Bud is a border agent who lives next door to hilarious Ernesto, an ambitious immigrant. Catch the brilliant Bordertown on ITV2 this winter!

19. Go underground!

Scrap those summertime rooftop film clubs and join your mates underground in London Waterloo's The Vaults to catch all of your cult films such as Pulp Fiction and Home Alone. Royale and cheese not included. **DATE:** Until 23 December 2015

UNDERGROUNDFILMCLUB.COM

20. Channel your inner-hero

Join Ryan Reynolds as anti-hero Deadpool who takes on Ed Skrein in the adaptation of the thrilling Marvel Comic. DATE Deadpool is out on 4 February 2016



21. Feel The Force!

That's right, the long-awaited Star Wars: The Force Awakens finally hits the big screen. After a 10-year absence, will you be joining the Dark Side or the Light Side? DATE 18 December 2016

22. Have a laugh at home

The UK's top comedians have all released DVDs with plenty of top gags between them. Our favourites: Chris Ramsey Live: All Growed Up and Kevin Bridges: A Whole Different Story... Live 2015 all out now!



23. Prepare for an out of this world reboot!

Mulder and Scully are making a sensational return to our screens once again in January for a new mini-series as our favourite alien hunting FBI agents!

DATE The X-Files, from 24 January 2016

24. Get ready for the return of Idris Elba!

Our favourite TV snooper, John Luther, is back on our screens with two special episodes as he solves some harrowing crimes across the back streets of London. DATE Luther, 15 December 2015, BBC One

25. Strike a pose!

Derek (Ben Stiller) and Hansel (Owen Wilson) are back modelling and having to fight off the evils of Mugatu (Will Ferrell) as he tries to take over the catwalk... again, in Zoolander 2. **DATE** Out 12 February 2016



26. See Rocky: the next edition

26: This time Sly Stallone is out of the ring and coaching the son of his friend and former rival Apollo Creed, as he battles it out against boxer - and friend of ZOO -Tony Bellew..



27. Become the next Bear Grylls!

Don't get stuck in the freezing cold without knowing how to build yourself a shelter. Survival expert Dave Watson offers pretty cool courses teaching you everything you need to know about bushcraft.

WOODLANDSURVIVALCRAFTS.COM

28. Carve it up!

You don't have to spend a fortune jetting over to the Alps, because there are plenty of indoor ski slopes to carve up on UK shores. Milton Keynes, Manchester and Hemel Hempstead all have real snow slopes, and you probably don't need to pack a jacket...

29. Drive on the wild side!

You'll never want to drive normally again after giving blindfolded off-roading a go! A slightly mad adrenalin junkie at Adrenalin Jungle in Nottingham has devised a course for you to take on without actually being able to see where you're going. Hmmm. ADRENALINJUNGLE.COM



30. Ride a rollercoaster!

We've got some pretty awesome theme parks in the UK, but if you can take a trip to Germany, you'll be in for a real treat. Europa-Park's an award winning resort and has the brilliant Silver Star that will catapult you along its track at a whopping 130kmph! **EUROPAPARK.DE/EN**



31. Do it like Bond!

Recreate the SPECTRE scene where James Bond steers a speedboat down the River Thames. This new 007 tour will take you past the headquarters of MI5 and other London landmarks you'll have seen in recent Bond flicks. You might have to source your own Bond girls, though.

CHILLISAUCE.CO.UK/EVENTS/

32. Have an alternative Christmas party!

Head down to a Go Ape near you for a staff party with a twist. Grab fancy dress and swing from giant ropes and zip wires. Well, it beats just going to the pub...

GOAPE.CO.UK



33. Go raving!

NYE at Ministry Of Sound with Defected In The House

See in the New Year at Ministry Of Sound, London, with some of the world's best DJs from label Defected In The House, including Tensnake, Andrea Oliva and Sam Divine. **DATE:** 31 December 2015

MINISTRYOFSOUND.COM/CLUB

34. Join the Smile High Club!

Fatboy Slim's Smile High Club Check out Fatboy Slim and a few of his mates raise the roof at the Tobacco Dock, Wapping, featuring 2ManyDJs, Secondcity and Ben Pearce.

DATE 2 January 2016

LONDONWAREHOUSEEVENTS.CO.UK

35. Update your iPod!

There are some killer albums being released this winter, so make sure you get hold of them and bass blast away those blues.

Steve Angello, *Wild Youth*, out 22 January Bloc Party, *Hymns*, out 29 January

36. Get to a gig!

The good people at Jukely have come up with a clever app that lets you attend unlimited gigs for just £25 a month. In their launch week they managed to give away more than £130 worth of tickets to each member.

JUKELY.COM

37. Celebrate good music! Ant and Dec host 2016's Brit Awards (live

Ant and Dec host 2016's Brit Awards (live on ITV), which means there might actually be some decent gags in one of the most scrutinised gigs of the year. Wonder if Ed Sheeran will win anything...

DATE 24 February 2016 BRITS.CO.UK

38. Change your drink!

Those trendy blokes behind Craft Beer Rising are taking over The Old Truman Brewery in London for the fourth year in a row. So, if you're fed up of ordering that same old Foster's top, then get yourself down to CBR 2016 to sample hundreds of tasty craft beers and ciders.

DATE 26-27 February 2016 CRAFTBEERRISING.CO.UK





39. Play the game of real life!

PlayStation and Xbox are set to bring your gaming experience to life with a virtual reality headset that will fire you into your favourite virtual worlds. Just imagine yourself in an actual *Call of Duty* battlefield. **DATE** Out early 2016

40. Be inspired!

Levison Wood became the first person ever to complete the gruelling trek the whole way down the river Nile. No, we're not telling you to replicate the former Army officer, but you can see 40,000 photos he took on the way!

DATE Visions Of Africa on now at LA Galleria, London

LAGALLERIA.ORG

41. Keep warm with a new coat!

Weather gurus have predicted we're in for a harsh El Niño winter (some really cold weather to me and you), so how better to keep warm on that walk to the pub than a new coat? Our favourites: Patagonia Hi Loft Down Jacket, £230, Asos.com; Pull&Bear Parka Jacket, £79.99, Asos.com

Don't forget!

42. Sweden comes to England!

The Rekorderlig Cider Lodge!
Slide into Swedish cider heaven in
Rekorderlig's takeover of London's
Southbank. Sip cider and enjoy some great
food in London's version of Stockholm to
get you in the festive spirit!

DATE Now, until 17 January 2016 **SOUTHBANKCENTRE.CO.UK**



43. Head to Wonderland!

London's Hyde Park is transformed into the ultimate Christmas festival for Winter Wonderland, with German markets, ice skating and a Bavarian village, ensuring plenty of festive cheer – and falling over. **DATE** Now, until 3 January 2016 **HYDEPARKWINTERWONDERLAND.COM** 44. Buy our last-ever issue!

This winter is your last chance to purchase ZOO Magazine. Ever. So, head to your local shop and pick up 116 of your favourite pages before we head to the big newsagent in the sky! Tissues at the ready...

DATE: 22 December 2015



45. Toss your pancakes!

Remember when we covered ZOO covergirl Melissa D in batter in a bid to create the greatest pancakes ever? Well here's her recipe: 110g/4oz plain flour, sifted Pinch of salt 2 eggs 200ml/7fl oz milk mixed with 75ml/3fl oz water 50g/2oz butter Caster sugar Lemon juice

46. Find a new career!

DATE 9 February 2016

Bored of your job? How about taking up one of the most dangerous jobs in the world? At least it'll be exciting!

FISHERMAN 127 deaths per 100,000 workers

LOGGER 104 deaths per 100,000 workers

AEROPLANE PILOT 56 deaths per 100,000 workers

FARMER 26 deaths per 100,000

47. Ditch your fairy lights!

According to watchdog Ofcom's new Wi-Fi app, Christmas lights can slow your internet down. So if your Netflix seems to be buffering slower than usual, it's probably because of your fairy lights!



48. Keep in touch!

ZOO might be leaving the shelves, but our brilliant gang of covergirls will still be out there, so remember to give them all a follow on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and SnapChat to see what they're up to!

49. Grab a game!

It's pouring down with rain outside, of course – but that's OK as your games console, which spent the whole summer gathering dust, could do with some love. Far Cry Primal is by far the biggest release.

DATE 23 February 2016



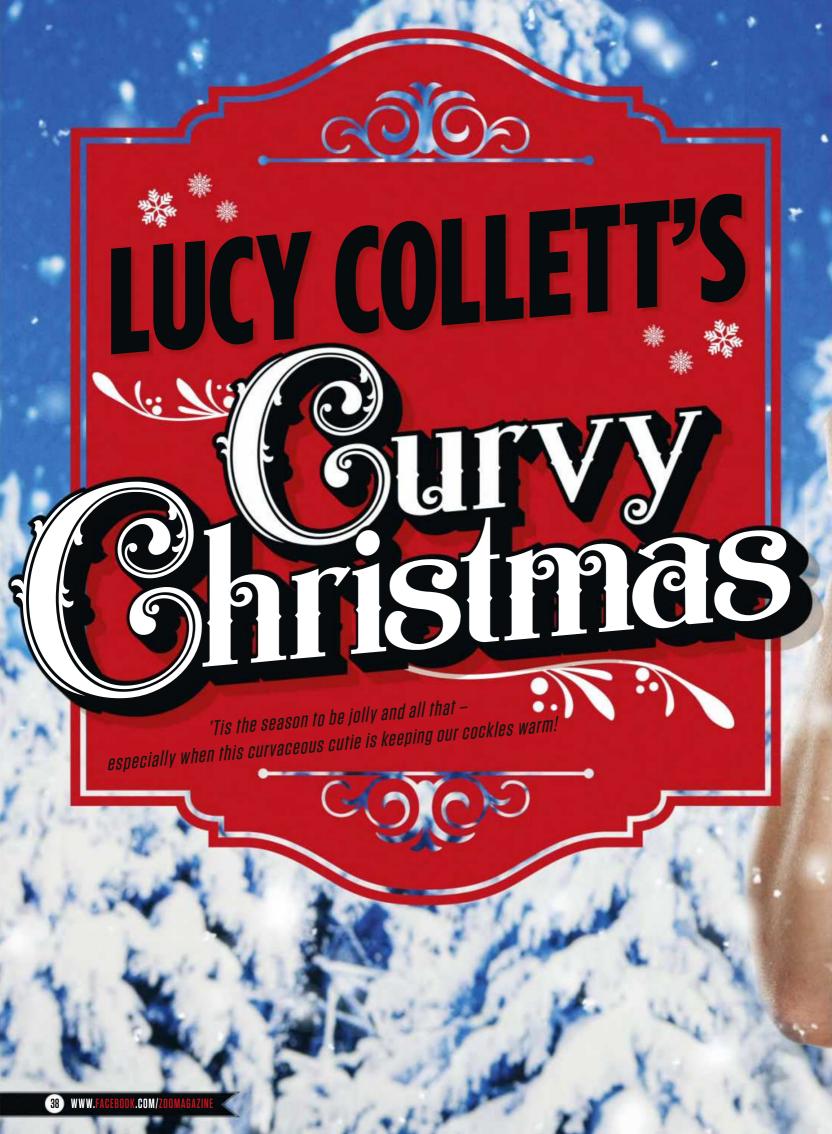
50. Use the Force!

If all else fails, how about just picking up some *Star Wars* goodies instead? You'll have hours of fun with trying to navigate your own quad-copter Millennium Falcon through your kitchen. Er, enjoy!

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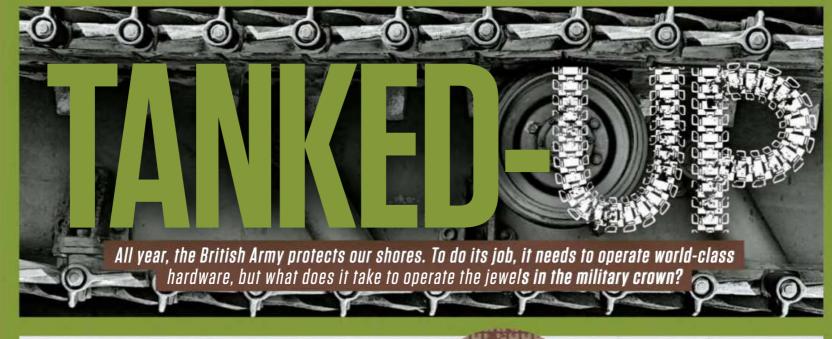










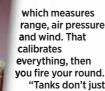


CHALLENGER 2 TANK

Corporal Shannon Wood of the Royal Tank Regiment has been in the Army since 2006, serving in Iraq. He is now a gunner instructor for Challenger 2 tanks.

"Driving a tank is the perfect job for geeks. It's like playing Call of Duty with your optic sights on: that's close to what it's actually like on a tank gun. Even the way the Army designs the controls is like a PlayStation controller, as it's what young lads are familiar with.

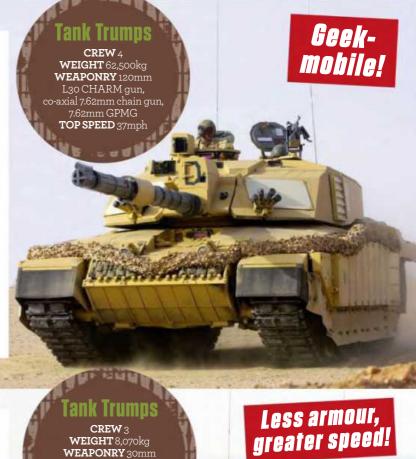
"The Challenger 2 has a 120mm cannon - a fully stabilised weapons system that can fire on the move, even at 40mph, on any target up to 2,000m, regardless of the time of day or speed of the other target. You fire a laser first,



"Tanks don't just fire things which go bang. High Explosive Squash Heads are armour defeating

rounds deployed at 5,000m-plus. When they hit, the front of the round initiates the fuse at the back, which causes huge scabs of metal to be blown out of the armour into the inside of the enemy vehicle. That armour rattles around, pinball-style, causing havoc.

"Fin rounds can turn armour into molten lava. If they hit a tank, any ammo inside explodes. The pressure is so enormous, the turret will pop off.

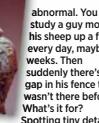


SCIMITAR ARMOURED RECONNAISSANCE

Lieutenant Steve Robertson has worked extensively with British tanks, but now commands a Scimitar.

"With its speed and dynamism, the Scimitar is a brilliant bit of kit: perfect for reconnaissance, and the sighting system is awesome. Day or night, you can hit anything. You're going into territory people haven't been before, in the dark, leading the way - and that's the greatness of it. It's an honour to be given the role of troop leader.

"The key principle of reconnaissance is stealth. You are looking for movement and patterns: the absence of the normal, or presence of the



study a guy moving his sheep up a field every day, maybe for suddenly there's a gap in his fence that wasn't there before. Spotting tiny details is

what this job is. If you don't, someone gets hurt. "I'm constantly processing the consequences of my actions. It's not just about what you are hitting, but how that accelerates the conflict. You endlessly practice that success.

"I prefer the smaller Scimitar to tanks. It's about risk reward: vou have less armour, but your speed and size means you're not in that position to be hit in the first place."





Corporal Simon Berry of the Royal Engineers commands the military Swiss Army knife.

"I'm sat in the most sought after target on the battlefield. If there's a river to cross, the Trojan instantly builds a bridge; if there's a minefield, it can clear a path without a scratch. In Afghanistan, it was the first thing the US 101st Airborne asked to go in alongside them.

"A mechanical arm moves hazards – it can pick up a Leyland van by the axel and toss it aside like it was paper. A good operator can use the arm as if it is attached to himself. I've seen people pick up a mug without breaking it. We cracked a sergeant major's once, but got it back without him noticing!

"This had a big impact on the Taliban. One of these was targeted by an IED, and the crew weren't even aware they'd gone over anything.

"The radio told them, 'No, you've not hit a bump: that was actually an IED blowing up beneath you!"



HIGH VELOCITY MISSILE LAUNCHER Bombardier Graham

Porter commands the high velocity missile launcher mounted to a Stormer vehicle.

"We're the slowest thing in the Army - always at the back. Thankfully, a convoy of quicker vehicles starts and stops a lot, so it evens itself out.

"But why race when you can shoot rockets? We fire Starstreak high velocity missiles, that can pick-off helicopters and aeroplanes up to 5.5km away. You flick a switch, lift the trigger dial and fire. If it's within 5.5km, you're expected to hit it.

"The whole operation is about stealth. Forget the films, where a rocket makes a bang as it launches. This barely makes a whisper. In Afghan, the insurgents didn't have fighter jets, but I've hit a Banshee target drone, a three-metre mock jet which mimics a fighter's movements.

"This is a high value target because of the damage it can do. But that doesn't play on your mind when you're in it."





Gary Neville: from pundit to gaffer!

With his first role in management underway, ZOO looks at how G-Nev's work as a pundit has shaped the ex-United man's managerial style...

Oven to different styles

A major reason for becoming a pundit rather than a coach when he hung up his boots was to broaden his footballing horizons. Now, there isn't a style of football that will faze him. "Watching a game live, analytically, is completely different. I wanted to watch every single type of football I possibly could over a four or five-year period. I would never have watched all those matches if I'd been a coach. You end up finding yourself and your football beliefs.'



All-seeing eve

As a pundit, Neville liked to watch matches from a birdseye view in the Sky Sports studio, and he's already installed high-angle cameras at Valencia's Paterna Training Ground to get a better perspective of what's going on. "A lot of people watch the game, but they don't see the game," explained Gary. He went on to add that the big camera allows him to get a clear picture of the game and patterns of play.

More Bayern than Barca

Having started calling games at the back end of Pep Guardiola's Barcelona reign, Neville has had some of the finest sides ever in European football to glean his managerial

style from. Tiki-taka is not for him. "During the first few years of my Sky career, Barcelona were probably the best team ever in most people's eyes. But they don't meet my principles of football. The Borussia Dortmund team over that same period, and Jupp



Heynckes' first Bayern Munich side, are more aligned to my style, as I don't believe in constant possession," the eight-time title winner

Pochettino mk II

As well as picking apart some of the best footballing sides every other week, he's also had some of the game's brightest young managers to learn from – none more so than Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino, who he put forward as the gaffer he would want to model himself on as an aspiring coach. "High-energy, passionate, good to watch and defending high up the pitch. These are all the things I would love to instil myself as a coach."



Lively press conferences

Never one to mince his words on screen, Neville took the job because, as he put it, "the time had come to stand up after sitting on television, talking about coaches for the last few years". Having previously sat across the table, the one group he will not be afraid of facing will be the media. Despite the language barrier, you can expect some entertaining press conferences. How do you say "Dog and Duck vs the Red Lion" in Spanish?







ANDY LEE

"BILLY JOE HAS IT ALL TO PROVE!"

The champ tells ZOO he's banking on experience to get him past the young contender

I, ANDY. HOW GLAD ARE YOU TO FINALLY BE DEFENDING YOUR TITLE AFTER ALL THE **INJURY CANCELLATIONS?**

I can't wait to get in there and get it on. I've been in the gym grinding so long, I was starting to feel like the man pushing a boulder uphill with no end. HAS BILLY JOE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO HANG AT WORLD LEVEL?

He has to be ready, he has no choice. But I think the experience and level of



opposition I've faced will be the deciding factor. When you're in a tough fight you have to answer tough questions and I've done that time and time again. For Billy Joe, this is his first time, so there's a lot more

for him to prove than me. **HOW LONG ARE YOU** GIVING HIM BEFORE YOU LAND THAT EXPLOSIVE RIGHT HOOK OF YOURS?

If I land it, I don't know if anyone can stand up to it! So I think he'll be very cautious about that. Maybe I'll surprise him with the left hand.

WHAT'S THIS TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH **GENNADY GOLOVKIN?**

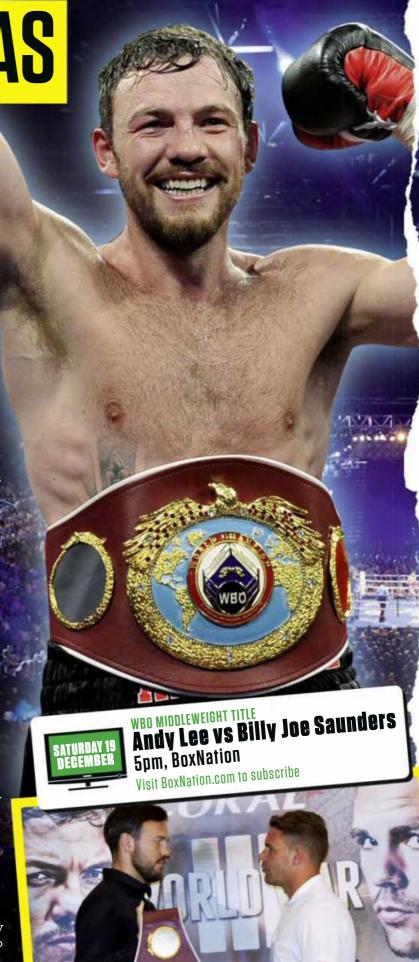
I don't know where those rumours came from. There haven't been any official talks between our teams but it's a fight I fancy and if I do the business and come through good against Billy Joe then that's the fight I want next. HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE

PHONE TO YOUR COUSIN TYSON FURY SINCE HIS BIG WIN IN GERMANY?

I've not spoken to him. It was an amazing accomplishment he's very funny and a great guy to be around, and he's doing as he promised: "To be the most controversial heavyweight champion of all time."

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE THE LAST FIGHT EVER COVERED BY ZOO?

It's an honour. I've read it plenty of times and will definitely grab a copy before the fight!







We recognise the sports people who don't need controversial comments or petitions to tell you why they'll be nowhere near British sport's night of back-slapping this weekend...



Overseas Villain Of The Year **Nick Kyrgios**

No one put more hours or air miles into winding people up this year than the new bad boy of tennis. He kicked off his campaign in January by effing and blinding at his own fans during the Australian Open, then cranked it up a notch at Wimbledon by calling an umpire "dirty"

scum", threatening to walk off court and appearing to throw a set in his tournament exit to Richard Gasquet. He rounded his year out at the Montreal Masters, when a courtside mic picked up his sledging of Swiss star Stan Wawrinka, where he claimed another player on the tour had slept with his pro tennis player girlfriend. What's not to "love"?

Nasty Nick!

Worst Team Of The Year **England Rugby Union**

After years of meticulous planning, name-your-price cross code converts and the largest budget of any rugby union in the world, England became the first host who failed to make it out of their pool in a home World Cup. What was even worse was they made the England football team's tournament performances look good...



Not So Coach Of The Year **Jose Mourinho**

Last summer, Jose had the Premier League and Capital One Cup in the cabinet, a new four-year deal in his back pocket and two fingers poking up at his critics. Fast

forward to December and he's lost more games in half a season than any full campaign, his side are facing a relegation battle, and the FA are on his case. #special





Those Ruskis have a thing for urinating on our bonfires. In 2010 they beat us to host the 2016 World Cup, while last month it was revealed (via an epic 323-page dossier) a bunch of its athletes "allegedly" doped their way through London 2012, leading to suggestions the entire event was sabotaged. Bad form, Comrades.



Unsung Hero Of The Year **Shab Khan Worcester City**

If Jamie Vardy has taught us anything about non-league football it's if you "chat sh*t", you "get banged". Worcester City's Shab Khan took this a step further when he became a viral star for body slamming an opponent in a move better suited to an octagon rather than a Conference North clash with Stockport. UFC awaits.

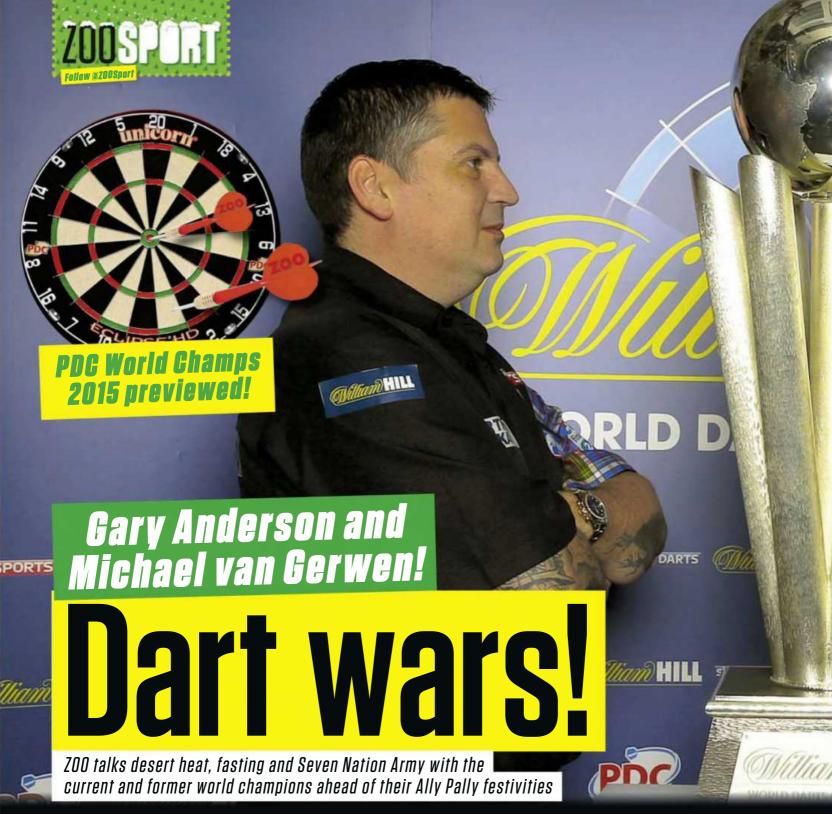


Can't Watch Moment Of The Year Thepchaiya Un-Nooh

In what can only be described as sod's law, the aptly named Thai snooker star Un-Nooh squandered a £44,000 bonus at the UK Championship

when he fluffed a maximum 147 break by missing the final black during a thirdround exit to Neil Robertson. "Oh nooo", summed up his feelings perfectly...





I, MICHAEL. **HAVE YOU BEEN** DOING ANYTHING **DIFFERENTLY AS YOU** PREPARE TO REGAIN THE WORLD TITLE FROM **GARY ANDERSON THIS** WINTER?

MICHAEL VAN GERWEN

I've been sleeping in, having big breakfasts, and taking long walks. I don't need to train like footballers and rugby players or eat pasta, as I don't burn as many calories as

them. I'm fine with steak, chicken and potatoes. WHAT ABOUT YOUR TITLE DEFENCE PREP, GARY? GARY ANDERSON If I'm on at 6pm, I won't eat a single thing from the moment I wake up to when I finish. I get out of bed and eat nothing until after I've thrown my last dart. I'm not good if I have something heavy on my stomach, so not eating actually chills me out.

All I need is

a couple of cups of coffee and maybe a cigarette.

THE CROWDS GET NOISIER AND NOISIER EACH YEAR AT ALEXANDRA PALACE. DO THEY PUT YOU OFF?

GA If you're playing well, you don't hear a thing. You're just there. When you're not, every cough, spit and cheer – it all comes in on you. I've started wearing earplugs now! Once my right foot goes down on the oche, I'm absolutely set. But 10-12 minutes before. I'm an absolute mess.

DARTS HAS BEEN ON TOUR THIS YEAR. WHAT WAS IT LIKE IN DUBAI AND JAPAN?

GA The darts in Dubai was incredible but a Scotsman at 42°C is never a good look! MvG We were outside as well – it wasn't even in an air-conditioned room! GA You need to be Scottish to appreciate just how hot it feels out there. It's like you're actually breathing your sweat. In the evening there were these sudden bursts of wind and so many of the lads were quickly



changing to heavier darts to balance it out!

MvG There were a lot of people from Britain and Holland, but also a lot of natives. They're not that loud, but really enjoy it! GA In Japan, we explained about having a party. They got so into it - foam fingers, chanting... all sorts!

YOU'RE IN EACH OTHER'S **POCKETS ALL THE TIME** ON THE TOUR. HOW BAD DOES IT GET?

GA It's like any work. If you're locked up in the same room

as people for weeks, you start getting a bit narky. Me and Adie Lewis – even Phil – all love a wind up. We all play pranks on each other and enjoy it. Adie is as daft as a brush – the life and soul of the party!

DO YOU EVER TRY TO **PSYCHE EACH OTHER OUT IN THE LOBBY?**

MvG No, I don't play games! I don't get involved in that. I only look to my own game.

I just focus on never making

GA Some of the boys, if they are playing the next day, stay away from each other. But, for me, it comes down to whoever the best player on the day is, wins. There's no use avoiding each other, is there?

WOULD YOU EVER CHANGE YOUR ENTRANCE MUSIC IF YOU STARTED LOSING **GAMES?**

MvG No way! Sky picked

those songs for me! Seven Nation Army is a great track - I feel up for the challenge when I hear it. I wouldn't change anything, ever - my darts, my music, my routine, nothing. I only change my underpants!

→ Watch the 2016 William Hill World Darts Championship from 17 December, contractfree, with a NOW TV Sky Sports week pass for just £10.99











Which Premier League club held a Christmas party in Copenhagen with some table-topping fancy dress?

New QPR boss Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink started his managerial career at which club?

Which F1 team has given fans a glimpse of what the future of the sport looks like with its new MP4-X concept car?



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David Beckham says he prefers watching which sport more than

football because there's no

"nastiness"?

A Basketball

B Cricket **C** Rugby

Which NBA side broke the record for the longest

unbeaten start to the season of any professional sports team in the US, going 21-0 last week?

After England, which nation has provided the most hat-tricks in the Premier League?

> Which former Aston Villa and Birmingham player captained the Portland Timbers to victory in the MLS Cup 2015?

Who was the last boxer to win the BBC

Sports Personality Of The Year award?



Can you name the ex-Premier League star who was rubbing shoulders with Floyd Mayweather Jr on a recent trip to Istanbul?

Ex-Olympian and world track cycling champion Victoria Pendleton has swapped racing bicycles for which sport?



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Star signing

Spurs' Christian Eriksen says he spent a lot of his formative years at Ajax playing Football Manager, where he'd sign himself at every club he managed. One straight from the Harry Redknapp playbook of football management.





Pacy attack

Arguably the best strike force ever assembled is now plying its trade for a Russian zoo after three new-born pumas were named after Barça boys Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar. Gives a whole new meaning to tiki-taka.

Lethal weapon American wrestler Joey Ryan stunned at a DDT Pro-Wrestling event by finishing off his opponent with his penis. Ryan unleashed the finishing move after his adversary had the temerity to grab

his crown iewels.

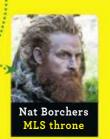


"They pass to the left, They pass to the right, They never pass forward, 'Cause they're f**king



Separated at birth?





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